

Item 38



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: December 18, 2012

Prepared By/Phone Number: Loretta Farb/854-9230

Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Consider and take appropriate action on appointment of Peter Torgrimson to the Board of Commissioners of Emergency Services District No. 4, for the term January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014.

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a pdf to Cheryl Aker in the County Judge's office, Cheryl.Aker@co.travis.tx.us by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for the next week's meeting.

Ms. Loretta Farb
P. O. Box 1748
Austin, TX 78767

Delivered via email to loretta.farb@co.travis.tx.us

Dear Ms. Farb,

This letter contains my application for appointment to the Emergency Services District 4 Board of Commissioners. My understanding is that there are two positions to be filled. While I am willing to serve in either position, my preference is to serve in the unfilled partial term position.

I am over 18 years of age, I am a resident of the state of Texas, I am a qualified voter in the ESD 4 service area and own land within the ESD 4 service area. I commit to serving the complete or partial term of either of the open positions. I will attend at least 80% of the regular monthly meetings of the Board. I am willing to complete the training required by Senate Bill 917.

My goals for service on the Board include:

- Effectively represent residents to ensure appropriate emergency services are delivered to the service area.
- Participate, as appropriate, as a board member in collaborative efforts with other Travis County entities to facilitate the most effective emergency services possible.

I believe my business, management and finance experience can be used on the board to benefit ESD 4.

A resume, an Application for Appointment and a Non-Conflict of Interest Affidavit are attached.

If there are any questions regarding this application, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Peter Torgrimson



Application for Appointment

Board/Commission: ESD 4 Board of Commissioners

Name (Last, First, Middle): Torgrimson, Peter	
Home Address (Street, City, Zip):	Home Phone:
Mailing Address (Street, City, Zip):	Cell Phone:
Employer: NONE	Email:
Occupation: Retired engineer	FAX Number:

Are you a Travis County Resident? Yes No

What Precinct do you live in? Precinct 1 Precinct 2 Precinct 3 Precinct 4

How much time can you devote each month? 5-8 hours 13-16 hours 9-12 hours More than 16 hours

Skills and Experience:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Finance/ Budget | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marketing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administration Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Operations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consulting | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal | <input type="checkbox"/> Sales |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Writing/ Communication |

Other: _____



Application for Appointment

Please describe your interest in serving on the Board/Commission and any qualifications, areas of expertise or special interests that relate to your possible appointment. Please specify any other board appointments (past or present) and length of service, if applicable.

Please see enclosed application letter and resume.

I believe my business, management and finance experience can be used on the board to benefit ESD 4.

Please submit your resume with this application, with references and contact information.

I agree to file with the County Judge the attached non-conflict of interest affidavit prior to being considered for an appointment by Travis County. I further agree to file an amendment in the event my status should change during my tenure on a county board.

Signature: _____

Peter Tarquinian

Date: _____

12/6/2012

Peter Torgrimson

Skills & General Experience

- Extensive experience working with volunteer organizations and boards
- Extensive experience working across organizational boundaries in a team environment
- Extensive experience at achieving consensus among disparate interests.
- Experienced in working with municipal governments
- Experienced organizer and team builder

Volunteer Experience:

BCCP Citizens Advisory Committee

2008 – present

Chair (2012); Vice-Chair (2011- 2012) – City of Austin consensus appointee to the committee, representing neighborhoods.

2222 Coalition of Neighborhood Associations, Inc.

2005 – present

President (2007 – present); Member of board of directors (2005 - present) – Represents interests of seven neighborhood associations and homeowner associations in Northwest Austin comprising approximately 3,000 households; interacting with real-estate developers, City of Austin, Travis County and TxDOT.

Long Canyon Phase II & III Homeowners Association, Inc.

2005 – present

President (2006 – 2008); Secretary (2008 – 2010); Regional Affairs Coordinator (2005 – present); and member of the Board of Directors (2005 – present) – Governing board of 200-home association.

BCCP Trail Master Plan Stakeholder Committee

2008 – 2009

Served on committee which defined the procedure for approving trails to be established on tracts in the BCP.

Academic Background

MBA, Santa Clara University, 1984 (with distinction)

MSEE, Rice University, 1969

BSEE, Rice University, 1966

BA, Rice University, 1965

Professional Experience:

Applied Signal Technology, Inc.

1992 – 1998

Manager, Bit Processing Technology – Managed a small engineering group developing signal and data processing systems.

Consultant 1988 – 1992

Dual specialty in real-time systems and business planning.

Business Planning:

- Strategic planning
- New product planning
- Preparation of project plans and budgets
- Preparation of pro forma financial statements
- Business plan preparation

ArgoSystems, Inc. 1985 – 1988

Program Manager – Managed \$15 million program to develop direction-finding systems.

ALCAP Corp. 1984 – 1985

Consultant 1981 – 1984

ROLM Corp. 1977 – 1981

Probe Systems, Inc. 1974 – 1977

GTE Sylvania 1966 – 1974

NON-CONFLICT OF INTEREST AFFIDAVIT

DEFINITION:

“No County appointed official, whether paid or unpaid, shall engage in any business or transaction or shall have a financial or other personal interest, direct or indirect, which is incompatible with the proper discharge of his/her official duties in the public interest or would tend to impair his/her independence of judgment or action in the performance of his/her official duties.”

Know All Men by These Present

Peter Torgrimson has read and understands the definition shown above as it relates to any possible conflict of interest.

The undersigned makes this affidavit as specified to clearly state that his/her appointment to Emergency Services District # 4 Board of Directors will not create a conflict of interest on his/her part or on the part of any immediate family member.

In witness thereof, the undersigned has signed and sealed this instrument on this the 7 day of December 2012

Peter Torgrimson
Signature of Appointee

12/7/2012
Date

Personally appeared before the undersigned, PETER TORGRIMSON, who after being duly sworn, deposes and states that the facts stated in the above affidavit are true. Signed on this 7th day of DECEMBER 2012.



Carrie M. Kim
Notary Public In and for The State of Texas

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